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General Comment

I believe that greater guidance to insurers is needed regarding appropriate provider types for the covered preventative services. Without such guidance insurers may develop policies that are restrictive which would ultimately limit the patient's ability to access preventative services. Additionally I have concerns that limiting the waiver for cost sharing to in network providers may encourage insurers to limit their provider network thus limiting access to providers able to perform the covered preventative services at least until 2014 when PPACA Section 2706 takes effect.

Section 2706 disallows insurers from discriminating against providers with regards to participation. Once this provision is implemented, concerns regarding access to providers will be diminished. Ultimately, greater direction to insurer's is needed in these regulations to ensure that greater access to preventative services is a reality for patients.

I thank you for the oppertunity to be heard on this matter
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